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October 3, 2018

TO: Members, State Board of Education

FROM: Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D.
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Seven Appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Council (SSEAC)

I am hereby recommending that the following seven individuals be appointed to the State Special Education Advisory Council for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018.

LR/pf

c: Carolyn Marano
Peggy McDonald
Diane Shoener



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
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**RESOLUTION
SEVEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 requires that the Commissioner shall appoint biannually an advisory council for special education with the approval of the State Board which will consist of not fewer than seven nor more than 15 members representative of professionals in the field of special education and parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:46-2 defines the role of the advisory council as advising in the promulgation of rules, regulations and implementation of N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and the establishment of standards and qualifications for professional personnel and further provides that the council members shall serve without remuneration; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004 requires each state education agency to have an advisory panel for special education; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has established and maintains an advisory panel, known as the State Special Education Advisory Council, for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel consists of members, that are representative of the state population and are composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including: (i) parents of children with disabilities; (ii) individuals with disabilities; (iii) teachers; (iv) representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; (v) state and local education officials; (vi) administrators of programs for children with disabilities; (vii) representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; (viii) representatives of private schools and public charter schools; (ix) at least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and (x) representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the advisory panel shall: (i) advise the Department of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities; (ii) comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the Department regarding the education of children with disabilities; (iii) advise the Department in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education under Part B Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; (iv) advise the Department in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under this part; and (v) advise the Department in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Special Education Advisory Council meets the state mandate for an advisory council and the federal requirements for an advisory panel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Dr. Viviana Litovsky be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Vanessa Lombardo be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Andrea Moore be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Kristy Ritvalsky be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Lynda Shanahan be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Susan Vandermark be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner recommends that Kerri Walsifer be appointed for a two-year term effective October 3, 2018

Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

Arcelio Aponte, President
N.J. State Board of Education